



A CAMPUS IN COMMON – Frank Wallace of PKS (at right in back row) and other alumni of the State University of New York (SUNY) at Cortland were on hand to greet these 12 current SUNY – Cortland students when they arrived on the Crystal Coast to help build Habitat homes. Next to Wallace is his sister, Veronica, SUNY-Cortland

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unselfishness in spending their spring break to further the work of Habitat for Humanity. The local Habitat affiliate is currently building three houses in the area, one in Morehead City, another in Havelock, and a third in Cape Carteret. The roster of local Habitat volunteer builders includes a goodly number of PKS residents.

The SUNY-Cortland students comprised the first of several groups of collegians making their way to the Crystal Coast this year to pitch in with Habitat.

They were followed in March by groups from Fitchburg College in Massachusetts, Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y., and girls from Immaculata University in Philadelphia, returning for their fourth straight year on Easter Sunday...

It wasn't all work and no play for the visitors. They had opportunities to sightsee, take advantage of discounts offered by local businesses and attractions, and enjoy the use of a beach cottage and pool privileges and accommodations provided by local hotels and rental agencies.

3 to 2 Vote Keeps Funds in Reserve

By Yvette Bannen

At the beginning of the March Board of Commissioners Meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Mary Kanyha presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Sandra Ehrler in recognition of her 12 years of excellent service as PKS Rural Mail Carrier.

After much discussion, both at the work session and at the regular BOC meeting, the issue of paying off the loan on the Town Hall building, as well as for a fire truck, was voted down by a 3 to 2 vote. At this time the majority felt it is more important to protect the Reserve rather than drawing it down even more.

The Ocean Shore Subdivision (the old Iron Steamer property) will receive conditional approval after safety concerns are addressed to the satisfaction of Chris Jones, the director of inspections & public property.

The Commissioners formally approved the creation of a CERTS (Community Emergency Response Team) group that will serve Bogue Banks, but could also serve other parts of the county, if needed.

Before Acting Director of Public Safety Bruce Flynt gave his report, Commissioner Hunter praised him for the job that he has been doing since he became the acting director.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There will be a meeting this week with the consultant about

the water system and a report will be forthcoming soon.

Mayor Lamson is in Washington, DC with Greg Rudolph, the county shore protection manager, attending meetings concerning funds for the completion of the 933 Project.

Under NEW BUSINESS, Jeanne Mays, who is retiring, was given a plaque for her service to Fire/Emergency Medical Services.

At the beginning of the citizen comments period, Charles Smith came before the Board to request a Resolution approving the placement of four signs on Route 58 dedicating part of the highway as the George W. Smith Highway. Atlantic Beach and Indian Beach have already approved this and the PKS Commissioners passed the resolution. The next question was "who was he" and the answer was that he built and paved what is known as Salter Path.

A question was brought up about the wreck of the S.S. Pevensey now that the Iron Steamer Pier has been dismantled. The Town is looking into getting State recognition for the site. It was pointed out that the site will be on navigational charts; that the Coast Guard is aware of the situation, but that it will still be the responsibility of boat operators to keep a sharp lookout when they are in the area.

Meet the Staff – *The Maintenance Team*

By Bill White

Boats have also been a big part of Kihlstrom's life. The son of a chief engineer on Great Lakes ore boats, he has been a sailing enthusiast since childhood and has lived near water most of the time. Born in Sault Ste. Marie between Lakes Huron and Superior, he grew up in Ashtabula, Ohio on Lake Erie. Even when working in Tennessee he lived near and sailed on a TVA lake.

When it came time to choose a retirement spot, it was no contest. "Pine Knoll Shores is the best place on the East Coast," says Kihlstrom, who has lived or worked just about everywhere up and down the seaboard. "Here," he points out, "it's not too hot or cold and there's plenty of water."

The Great Lakes area was really important to Kihlstrom again 10 years ago when he returned to Ashtabula for a high school reunion. There he renewed his acquaintance with a grade school classmate, Laurena Fraser, who became his wife. Between them, Bob and Laurena count nine children living in Connecticut, Arizona and a lot of places in between..

Water also plays a role in the life of one of the next generation of Brophys. Bill and Constance's daughter Patricia (Patty) is a graduate of the New York State Maritime



Brophy and Kihlstrom.

Take a look at the working careers of Bill Brophy and Bob Kihlstrom and you come away with the feeling that this pair is overqualified for their current jobs as parttime maintenance men for the Town of Pine Knoll Shores.

For 21 years Brophy was a New York State Trooper, retiring 21 years ago with the rank of captain.

Kihlstrom holds a degree in chemical engineering from Case Institute of Technology, now part of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He spent most of his working years putting in instrumentation and electrical control

systems at chemical plants, oil refineries, pulp paper mills and fiber optic plants for some of the nation's largest corporations, including DuPont and General Electric.

All in all, such qualifications are not the kind usually found on the resumes of maintenance personnel. But B and B, which seems an appropriate handle for this interesting team, bring to their current assignment the same kind of enthusiasm they obviously exhibited throughout their careers.

Neither is the type to sit idly by, even in retirement. So they took up the maintenance tasks for PKS as one means of keeping their hands and minds busy and active.. Actually, both maintain that they have had considerable training in the maintenance field. Many of the tasks he is now called upon to do, says Kihlstrom, he does at home on a smaller scale.

Brophy delved even more deeply into the world of maintenance before he and his wife, Constance, moved to PKS 12 years ago. After retiring from the state police, he worked as a part-time pipefitter at the Veterans Hospital in Montrose, N.Y. The job was part-time because Brophy's real passion in those years was running a lobster boat off New York's Long Island. He worked at pipefitting when lobsters were not in season.

College and is now working toward her master's in exercise physiology at East Carolina University.

These days, if Brophy finds some spare time on his hands, the latest enterprise of his other daughter, Shana, and her husband, Floyd Olmstead, is providing plenty for him to help with. Olmstead, who had been serving as the chef at the Royal Pavilion in PKS, recently acquired Nikola's Restaurant in Morehead City. It has been renamed and should be already open or on the verge of opening just about the time you read this. The new name, Floyd's 1921, is a reference to the year in which the home that houses the restaurant was built..

Brophy, who has been on the PKS maintenance staff for six years, and Kihlstrom, with three years on the job, work well as a team. Their duties range from maintaining electrical and plumbing systems in public buildings, to mosquito spraying and keeping public beach access parking areas and roadways free of impediments, including wildlife that fail to make it from one side of the road to the other.

Says old hand Brophy with tongue in cheek: "It's taken me awhile to clue Bob in on the proper procedure for removing possums that have passed on."